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"SPORT SPORTS SHOE WITH IMPACT ABSORBER SYSTEM"

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention refers is directed to a sport sports shoe providing an impact absorber system, these for absorbing an impact being generated by thean athlete's feet. The absorption system comprises resilient or elastic tubular elements grouped in a-parallel-mode, and arranged-side by side one another over the sole region of the shoe, generally on the heel region, although it can be inserted in two or three sole regions, in this last option occupying almost all shoe sole.

[0002]It should be pointed out that the absorption The impact absorber system of this the present invention contributes to correct correcting an athlete's paces, preserving their the athlete's efficiency and security, as well as entailing and maintaining a longer duration to the shoe itself life.

[0003] The resilient tubes (in this text we will use the word "resilient" although the referred to tube ____ The tubular elements can be manufactured with an elastic, resilient or compound material). The tubular elements are arranged in a-parallel mode with one another and placed disposed transversally to the shoe longitudinal axis of the shoe, arranged adjacent or very close to one another.

<u>[0004]</u>Basically these tubes <u>The tubular elements</u> are cylinders of elliptical cross <u>section although theythat</u> can be manufactured in a cylinder shape of circular <u>cross</u>section, or <u>be manufactured in any other compound cross-sectionsectional</u> shape.

<u>[0005]</u> The <u>material basically</u> preferred to be used in<u>material for</u> the manufacture of the <u>sports</u> shoe impact absorber <u>resilient</u>-system of the <u>present</u> invention is the <u>plastics</u>, although other <u>plastic</u>. <u>Other</u> materials can be used, provided that they are adequate to the usage functions <u>meet the activity for which the shoe will be worn</u>.

[0006] Thus, also are specified in accordance with the destination the tube _____ The activity for which the shoe will be worn dictates that the tubular elements wall thickness as well as the and respective diameters, and also the size of each

tube<u>tubular element</u>, its form, and the distance among them<u>between the tubular</u> elements.

<u>[0007]</u> Each set of three <u>tubes tubular elements</u> is closed <u>on</u> laterally <u>opposite ends</u> by walls <u>on both opposed extremities of the set.</u> The <u>aim of these</u> walls is to both static <u>statically</u> and dynamically stabilize each set, keeping them functionally firm during <u>while</u> the shoe <u>usage avoiding</u>, or at least soothe, the <u>is being worn to prevent</u> distortion—, <u>namely</u>, the shoe inclination due to <u>wrong</u>, inclined, of user <u>step</u>—, <u>misstep</u> during <u>sportsports</u> activities.

[0008] The interior of each tube contains basically air, but any other materials that result in special performances, tubular element can contain air or any other material that enhances performance for particular applications, can be inserted into the interior of these tubes.

[0009]It becomes evident that all features of the ______ The sports shoe with impact absorber setsystem of this the present invention have has a design proportional to the user weight, i.e., the athlete using this sport shoe. Besides, the shoe aims each different type of the athlete's activity and the different types of activities engaged in by the user.

[0010] The invention will be better understood and appraised by way of **the** drawings, represented by figures which are shortly described as follows, when compared with and the description text that is submitted further on which follows.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0011] Figure 1 is a perspective <u>view</u> of the <u>sportsports</u> shoe of the invention, showing the position of the impact absorber <u>tubular</u> set in relation to the <u>sportsports</u> shoe-:

[0012] Figure 2 is a perspective <u>view</u> of the absorber tubular set, showing also and the shoe insole.;

[0013] Figure 3 is a front view of the absorber set as limited bounded by two opposed lateral walls-:

[0014] Figures 4, 5 and 6 are application versions for illustrate positions of the impact absorber tubular sets, respectively in the heel area, in the heel and front third area, and set applied to throughout the wholeentire user foot plant:

[0015] Figure 7 is a comparison of diagrams for illustrates the transition of the tubular absorber set; in from being at rest, and the same set to being under user's foot pressure.;

[0016] Figures 8, 9 and 10 are schematic cross section/side views of anthe effect of a user section impact on the absorber set at under three usage different conditions.

<u>[0017]</u> Figure 11 is a schematic cross section <u>rear view</u> of an<u>a</u> user's foot before <u>and</u> <u>after</u> stepping on <u>a impact the</u> absorber set, and this same figure illustrates what happens after the foot makes no more pressure on the tubular set.;

[0018] Figure 12 is a schematic cross section rear view of a user's foot making applying pressure onto the absorber set, showing the deformations which that result from this the pressure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

<u>preferred embodiment of the present invention in which</u> the impact absorber system—4 of this invention, in a preferred embodiment, is embedded into <u>within</u> the sole 1 of a sport shoe, as <u>sports shoe</u>. The absorber set is disposed on the heel region, <u>where</u> the higher weight applied to the shoe by the user's foot concentrates exactly on the heel region, where the [absorber] set is placed's foot is concentrated.

[0020] In the case of a sports shoe, the insole 2 occupies the front two thirds of the shoe, and the shoe body covers all superior 3 provides an upper part of the shoe.

[0021] Figure 2 of the drawings illustrates the shoe impact absorber set 4, showing tubes tubular elements 6, 7 and 88, which form the impact absorber system, and the side walls 5, in each extremity of the set 4 on opposite side ends of the absorber set 4 and plurality of tubular elements. These The side walls act as stabilizers 5 stabilize the shoe against the resilient deformation of the tubes tubular elements 6, 7 and 8, and still serve as a closing housing for the absorber set 4.

[0022] The tubes <u>Each tubular element 6, 7, 8</u> can be manufactured in size, thickness and format different <u>sizes, thicknesses and configurations</u> from one another, and have as an option for the fabrication, the employment of <u>be fabricated</u> from plastics, resin, flexible polymers, or any other <u>materials</u>, for example, compound

<u>application for elastic and resilient</u> materials that will be invented and show themselves as adequate to that can perform the functions they exert in the shoe, as, e.g., compound application for elastic and resilient materials.

[0023]It is showed a tubular set of three tubes, but it is clear that each Although the figures illustrate an absorber set 4 having three tubular elements, the absorber set can be manufactured with a different <u>number</u> of tubes tubular elements.

[0024] Basically, and within the inventive concept In one embodiment of the present invention, tube the tubular element 6 receives the initial impact load of the athlete user's foot, performing the and performs a transition for to the central tube tubular element 7, which earry out receives the main impact absorption, since the load received in this [tube tubular element] is of highest intensity. Tube 8 responds for Tubular element 8 provides the final absorption, when the athlete user's foot does not exert any more no longer exerts pressure on the sport sports shoe.

[0025] Figure 3 emphasizes the position illustrates a front view of the side walls 5, which elose enclose the tubular absorber set 4, providing balance and stability to the same, and transferring this stability to the athlete user.

<u>[0026]</u>Figure 4 shows <u>Figure 4 illustrates a first embodiment of the present invention in which the absorber set 4 is disposed at position A, at the heel, of the absorber 4 with <u>in</u> relation to the athlete's foot. <u>user's foot.</u> The absorber set 4 thus absorbs the impact of the user's step at the beginning of the user's step.</u>

[0027] Figure 5 illustrates a second embodiment of the present invention in which a pair of absorber sets 4 is disposed at the positions B and C-for the absorber sets 4 en, the heel and front third of the athlete'user's foot-sele. The absorber set 4, thus absorbs the impact of the user's step at the beginning and end of the user's step. [0028] Figure 6 shows the application of three absorbers 4 on the illustrates a third embodiment of the present invention in which three absorber sets 4 are disposed at positions D, E and F of athlete'the user's foot, covering practically all athlete'user's foot sole, and thus receiving, thus, the full impact from the beginning to the end of the athlete'user's foot pressure through the entire user's step.

[0029] Figure 7 comprises two schemes: one set of 3 tubes without pressure, containing material H in the interior of each tube, and anillustrates the transition of

tubes 4 is under pressure. When the absorber set 4 is not under pressure, the material inside each tubular element is in an uncompressed state H. When the absorber set of 3 tubes 4 is under pressure showing not only the tubes 6, 7 and 8, deformed by the compression, but also, the material Jin each tubular element is in a compressed by the athlete's foot pressure. It is necessary to emphasize that the state J. The substance of the internal material of the tubes of the sets 4 may vary in accordance with each specific tubular elements of the absorber sets 4 of the present invention can be different and tailored to the specific type of activity or application for which the sport sports shoe of this invention will be used.

[0030] Figures 8, 9 and 10 illustrate three conditions of dynamic impact of the athleteuser's foot over the tubes tubular elements 6, 7 and 8 by generating which generate different pressures and deformations on these tubes. the tubular elements. In particular, Figure 8 shows the athlete user's foot [inat the moment of] touching the absorber set 4; figure Figure 9 shows athlete the user's foot compressing the absorber set 4 completely, and figure Figure 10 shows athlete the user's foot decreasing pressure on the impact absorber set 4.

[0031] Figures Figure 11 and 12 illustrate illustrates schematically, respectively, the absorber set 4 without pressure enbeing applied by the athlete user's foot -with the sheet K before the impact and after the impact and under athlete's. Figure 12 illustrates the absorber set 4 under the user's foot pressure, with the sheet K-being showed before and during the deformation, owing to the impact.

[0032]It should be advised that small alterations included in this invention become incorporated to the protection established by the enclosed claims. Example embodiments of the present invention have now been described in accordance with the above advantages. It will be appreciated that these examples are merely illustrative of the invention. Many variations and modifications will be apparent to those skilled in the art.